

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend Claims 1-14. The Claim Listing below will replace all prior versions of the claims in the application:

Claim Listing

1. (Currently Amended) Core A core for roofing and sealing membranes, comprising a reinforcement-free, bonded non-woven of polyester filaments which is bound by a binder and which has a latent shrinkage force of 2 N/5 cm to 20 N/5 cm.
2. (Currently Amended) The Core core according to claim 1, characterised in that the non-woven is bonded mechanically by means of needles.
3. (Currently Amended) The Core core according to claim 1 or 2, characterised in that the non-woven is bonded hydrodynamically.
4. (Currently Amended) The Core core according to claim 1, characterised in that the non-woven is bonded thermally.
5. (Currently Amended) The Core core according to at least one of claim[[s]] 1 to 4, characterised in that the shrinkage force is equal to the strains.
6. (Currently Amended) The Core core according to at least one of claim[[s]] 1 to 5, characterised in that the shrinkage force is 6 N/5 cm to 10 N/5 cm.
7. (Currently Amended) The Core core according to at least one of claim[[s]] 1 to 6, characterised in that the non-woven is a non-woven of polyethylene terephthalate filaments.
8. (Currently Amended) Method A method of producing a reinforcement-free non-woven core of polyester filaments which is suitable as a core for roofing and sealing membranes, characterised in that a non-woven of polyester filaments is produced by the spun-bond

process, the non-woven obtained in this way is bonded, is provided with a binder, is dried in a dryer and is stretched on a stretching unit positioned downstream of a dryer to an extent such that the non-woven has a shrinkage force which counteracts the strains which arise in the subsequent treatment operations which take place under heat, the shrinkage force being in a range from 2 N/5 cm to 20 N/5 cm.

9. (Currently Amended) The Method method according to claim 8, characterised in that the shrinkage force is equal to the strains.
10. (Currently Amended) The Method method according to claim 8 or 9, characterised in that shrinkage force is in a range from 6 N/5 cm to 10 N/5 cm.
11. (Currently Amended) The Method method according to ~~at least one of~~ claim[[s]] 9 and 10, characterised in that the non-woven of polyester filaments is a non-woven of polyethylene terephthalate.
12. (Currently Amended) The Method method according to ~~at least one of~~ claim[[s]] 8 to 11, characterised in that for bonding the non-woven is needle-punched and passed through a calender.
13. (Currently Amended) Composite A composite material[[s]] containing cores according to any one of claims 1 to 12 comprising a core for roofing and sealing membranes, wherein the core comprises a reinforcement-free, bonded non-woven of polyester filaments which is bound by a binder and which has a latent shrinkage force of 2 N/5 cm to 20 N/5 cm.
14. (Currently Amended) Roofing A roofing or sealing membrane[[s]] containing according to one of claims 1 to 12 comprising a core for roofing and sealing membranes, wherein the core comprises a reinforcement-free, bonded non-woven of polyester filaments which is bound by a binder and which has a latent shrinkage force of 2 N/5 cm to 20 N/5 cm.